

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 20 and 21 are rejected; claims 2 and 4-18 are objected to as being allowable if rewritten in independent form; and claim 19 is allowed.

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

Claims 1, 3, 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,198,967 to Kuranuki et al. Kuranuki et al (Fig. 17b) was cited as disclosing a resin-molded chip solid electrolyte capacitor meeting each of the terms of the rejected claims, including a plurality of solid electrolyte capacitor elements 2 horizontally laid in parallel with no gap on a pair oppositely exposed end parts of the lead frame 3, and a fixing layer 4 extending across the plurality of capacitor elements and fixing the capacitor elements with each other.

Applicants respond as follows.

The vertically extending side edges of negative electrode terminal 4 of Kuranuki et al do extend across the plurality of capacitor elements 2 to fix the capacitor elements with each other. However, the capacitor elements in Kuranuki et al are *vertically* laid in parallel whereas claim 1 requires the capacitor elements to be horizontally laid in parallel.

In order to clarify this distinction, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the fixing layer 6 extends horizontally across the plurality of capacitor elements 2 as shown in Fig. 2. That is, as claimed in amended claim 1, the plurality of solid electrolyte capacitor elements are horizontally laid in parallel, and the fixing layer also extends horizontally across the plurality of capacitor elements.

Because Kuranuki et al fails to meet each of the elements of amended claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the amended claims are not anticipated and the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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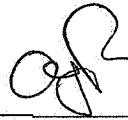
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Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of claims 1-21 is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may be helpful to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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